

### Adults Sunday School

Spring Salt & Light: Sin, Salvation, and New Life  
Unit 2, Session 8: "Pass the Story On!" Psalm 78:1-8

### MYF

- **TODAY:** Bible Study, MYF Room, 6-7:30 PM
- **5/3:** Last Meeting! Join us as Wayland Mennonite at 6PM for a scavenger hunt.

### JYF

Wednesday, April 29, 6-8 PM, West Park (weather permitting)  
Pizza, outdoor games and our final Bible study on 1 Corinthians!

### #KidsConnect VBS

June 1 – June 5, 2026

Contact Abbey, Katy, Sarah, Sidney or Renea Reichenbach if you are willing to help with Bible School in any way!

**Registration is now open!** [bit.ly/scwmvbs2026](http://bit.ly/scwmvbs2026)



**Remember in prayer this week:** Ron & Martha Marsh, Jen Slagel, Kylie Miller and Vale Leichty

**Pray for those dealing with medical issues:** Anita Swartzendruber, Kelly Love, Tamara Zechin, Sheldon

Miller, Toni Roth, Mark Boshart, Deb Roth, Mary Henderson, Erika Leichty Seymore, Dick Yoder, Larry Graber, Roni Stowers, Arlene Wenger, Roxanne Rogers (Kathy Yoder's sister), Cindy Freyenberger Harms, Keith Zehr, Lois Klopfenstein, Opal Reschly

**CPMC Prayer Request** We pray for J. Epp who is being installed as the pastor of preaching and congregational life at Bethesda Mennonite Church in Henderson, NE and Marc Schlegel-Preheim who is being installed as the pastor of First Mennonite Church of Iowa City, IA today. We pray for the ministry they each share with their respective congregations.

**MMN Prayer Request** Caleb and Stephanie Schrock-Hurst have been onsite at Mennonite Christian Hospital (MCH) in Hualien, Taiwan, for more than two months. Pray that the Bible study they are now leading with MCH staff will be a fruitful and fulfilling time of study and fellowship for all involved.

**LAST SUNDAY** Offering: Home Missions \$3,309; General Fund \$600; Missions \$500; Conference \$200; Education \$200; Cemetery Fund \$100; CCCC \$50; Parkview \$50; VBS \$50



April 26, 2026



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## **April 26, 2026**

We welcome all to this place  
for worship of God and for Christian fellowship.

Let us worship God in spirit and truth,  
reaching out to one another in Christ's love.

9:15 AM: Sunday School  
10:10 AM: Fellowship Time  
10:30 AM: Worship Service  
Livestream: <https://tinyurl.com/SCMLiveStream>  
[facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch](https://facebook.com/sugarcreekmennonitechurch)

**Prelude/Offertory:** Recorded Music

**Worship Leader:** Levi Bachman

**Song Leader:** Dana Oswald

### **Gathering**

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

### **Praising**

*Come Bless the Lord*

*10,000 Reasons*

### **Hearing the Word**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 86:1-12 (p. 423)

Message: Pam Gerig Unruh, "Seek the Source"

### **Responding**

*WB 353 Lord, listen to your children*

Offering: Education & Loose Change (5/3 Home Missions)

Sharing & Prayers

### **Sending**

Benediction

*Seeds*

Thank you to Mark & Linda Boshart for serving as ushers today.

The nursery is available for children 2 years of age and younger.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

● Connie Zehr: video sermon, "Consistently Adequate". Matthew 5:48 and 2 Corinthians 12:9

### **SUGAR CREEK NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Children's Summer Sunday School:** Like in prior years, we will offer one combined class beginning May 31 and continuing through August 23, with a rotation of volunteer teachers each week. Please signup using the link or contact Abbey or Katy: [signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-63725142-childrens](https://signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-63725142-childrens)

**CCCC:** Summer Camp registration is open! [crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp.html](https://crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp.html) Reminder that Sugar Creek pays a portion of camp fees if you indicate at registration.

**Fellowship:** To provide cookies for fellowship time, use the link or contact Lori Miller: [signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar#](https://signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-50902927-sugar#/)

**Nursery:** Please sign up if you are able to assist with the nursery!: [signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-62786804-nursery](https://signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FA8AC29A5FB6-62786804-nursery)

### **TODAY**

● Anointing following the service

### **SUNDAY, MAY 3**

● **9:00 AM:** Parkview Worship  
● Elder Nominations

### **SUNDAY, MAY 10**

● Mother's Day  
● **8:30 AM:** Graduation Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**

● **6:30 PM:** WACO Baccalaureate, Main Gym

### **SATURDAY, MAY 16**

● **7:30 PM:** WACO Graduation, Football Field

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**

● **9:00 AM:** Mennonite Women, Fellowship Hall  
● **11:00 AM:** Parkview Devotions  
● **11:30 AM:** Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall  
● **6:00 PM:** Church Council, MYF Room

### **SUNDAY, MAY 24**

● Pentecost

## **THE GIFTING AND CALLING OF AN ELDER**

On Sunday, May 3, we will begin the nomination process to select a new Elder for our congregation. We will again be choosing our Elder through the process of the lot. Each congregational member will be asked to suggest a person to serve as Elder for a three-year term. When we call a person to serve the church in an area of leadership we entrust to that person both authority and responsibility. If we call upon the direction of the Holy Spirit we can expect the blessing of God upon that person and the church.

Let us carefully consider who God might be calling to this task, asking God through prayer to guide our minds toward the one individual He has chosen. **Continuing Elders are Lisa Graber and Corey Oswald. *Justin Freyenberger will not be seeking another term.***

1 Peter 5 and 1 Timothy 3 provide some Biblical and practical things to consider as we make our choice. Please read these passages and spend some time in prayer asking for the Lord's leading on your nomination.

### **AN ELDER SHOULD:**

1. Love God and the church.
2. Follow the example and teachings of Jesus in daily life.
3. Listen to the Holy Spirit and exhibit the fruits of the Spirit.
4. Be a member of Sugar Creek Mennonite Church.
5. Have a commitment and an understanding of the wider Mennonite Church.
6. Forgive easily and quickly.
7. Care about people, is sensitive to needs, and is a good listener.
8. Have a willing and humble heart, filled with wisdom.  
(1 Peter 5)
9. Have a positive attitude and sees positive possibilities.
10. Have the trust and respect of the public and the church. (1 Timothy 3)

**APRIL 26, 2026**  
**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CCCC:** *Summer Camp registration is now open!* For camp dates, information, and to register visit our website [crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp.html](http://crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp.html)

*Join us on Sunday, May 3 at the pavilion from 11:30-2:00 for our 2nd Annual Mush Fry!* We will be serving mush, liverwurst, sausage, eggs, tomato gravy, and applesauce. Free will donation to benefit CCCC. Feel free to stay after for self-guided hikes, lawn games, and recreation at camp. We hope to see you all there!

*Volunteers are needed* to help serve the CCCC Fried Mush Dinner, Sunday, May 3, at the Pavilion. See the signup to help: [signupgenius.com/go/10C0544A9A92AAAFDC34-62946222-mush#](http://signupgenius.com/go/10C0544A9A92AAAFDC34-62946222-mush#/)

*Help give our summer camp cooks a head start* by participating in our Summer Camp Food Prep Day. Join us May 18 to make cookies and cook ground beef. Sign up here: [crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-food-prep-days.html](http://crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-food-prep-days.html)

**IMHS:** *Spring Mennonite Historical Society Meeting* will be on Monday, April 27 at the Kalona Mennonite Church at 7PM. Refreshments to follow in the KMC Fellowship Hall.

**MCUSA:** In “Making peace in your town,” Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Mennonite Church USA’s denominational minister of Peace & Justice, shares how two congregations model Anabaptist peacemaking through disaster response, immigrant solidarity and hands-on community ministry rooted in Jesus’ call to justice-centered peace. This article first appeared in the spring 2026 issue of MennoMedia’s Leader magazine. Read it here: [mennoniteusa.org/making-peace-in-your-town/](http://mennoniteusa.org/making-peace-in-your-town/)

**MDS:** We are happy to offer the MDS Family Program this summer in Central Kansas! This is a project for anyone of any age and skill! The MDS Family Project will take place in Hesston, KS, this summer. Central Kansas offers meaningful access to service opportunities through Anabaptist organizations that serve those in need locally, nationally, and around the world. In the MDS cabinet shop, participants will build cabinets for installation in new homes for disaster survivors. Volunteers may be able to assist in building toolboxes with leftover wood. Volunteers will assemble MCC kits that will be distributed globally to support communities facing hardship. In addition, volunteers will assist Hesston College with campus preparations, helping ensure everything is ready to welcome students in August. The work is adjusted to the skill level of the volunteers. Weeks available are: June 14-20, June 21-27, June 28-July 4. Sign up today! [volunteer.mds.org/](http://volunteer.mds.org/)

**MMN:** Just Peace Pilgrimages — South Africa Racial Justice Pilgrimage: Hosted by Iziko Lamaqabane — This South African solidarity learning pilgrimage will explore the long history and legacy of settler colonialism and apartheid, which was an unjust socio-political policy that fostered racial segregation. The pilgrimage will focus on the social constructs created around race, land dispossession and how they so thoroughly defined, and continue to define, South African society. Join Mission Network’s director for Africa and Europe Sibonokuhle Ncube and former executive director Stanley Green on this pilgrimage! Dates: September 9-22; the optional safari extends the trip by 3 days. Registration deadline: July 15. Contact Stephanie Weaver at [StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net) or visit [MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace](http://MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace) to learn more!

**Parkview:** Parkview is in need of a volunteer to tend one flower garden on the north side of the Parkview building. If anyone is interested, please call Parkview Home and ask for Ron: 319-256-3525. Thank you!